

Remarks

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 24, 2005. Claims 26 to 43 are currently in the application, with Claims 1 to 25 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claim 26 is the sole independent claim. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

A telephone restriction requirement was made by the Examiner on November 17, 2004, during a telephone conversation with Mark Itri. During that conversation a provisional election was made to prosecute the invention set forth in Claims 1 to 19, namely the invention of managing configuration information in a thin client network. Applicants affirm this election and have canceled Claims 20 to 25, which were directed to the non-elected invention. Applicants have also canceled Claims 1 to 19 and added new Claims 26 to 43 directed to the elected invention.

Claim 7 was objected to for informalities. In addition, Claims 1, 2, 5 to 10 and 12 to 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,735,691 (Capps); Claims 4 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Capps in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,202,206 (Dean); and Claims 3, 11 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Capps in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,308,205 (Carcerano). Without conceding the correctness of the foregoing objection and rejections, Applicants have canceled Claims 1 to 19, thereby rendering the objection and rejections moot.

New independent Claim 26 concerns a management system for managing configuration information for one or more thin clients in a thin client network. According to the invention, a management application is provided for pulling a master registry containing configuration information from a device. The pulled master registry is stored in a software repository. The management application is capable of pushing the master registry to a thin client via the thin client

network. A transport mechanism is provided for transporting the master registry from the device to the software repository and from the software repository to the thin client.

Using the invention described above, a single administrator is able to pull a master registry from a device and use it to configure thin clients over an entire network from a central location. By pushing the master registry to selected thin clients via the thin client network, the administrative burden of configuring individual thin clients is substantially lightened. In addition, the rollout of updated registries to existing thin clients is centralized and simplified.

The references applied in the Office Action are not understood to disclose or suggest the foregoing features of the present invention. In particular, the applied references are not understood to disclose or suggest at least the features of a management application pulling a master registry from a first device and pushing the master registry to a thin client via a thin client network.

Capps is understood to describe a system for migrating the configuration information from one computer to another. As described in Capps with reference to Figures 5 and 6, a user logs in to a server from a source computer and uploads the configuration information of that source computer to the server. The user is then able to log in to the server from a destination computer and download the stored configuration information to configure the destination computer in the same manner as the source computer.

Unlike the present invention, the Capps system requires a user to push the configuration information from a source computer to the server. The user must then pull the configuration information from the server using the desired destination computer. Therefore, Capps is not understood to disclose or suggest at least the features of a management application pulling a master registry from a first device and pushing the master registry to a thin client via a thin client network.

Dean and Carcerano are not understood to disclose or suggest anything to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of Capps. Dean was cited for its disclosure of configuring multiple

computers in the same network using a server to distribute information to the computers. Carcerano was cited for its disclosure of using SNMP to communicate between clients and servers on a network. However, neither Dean nor Carcerano are understood to disclose or suggest at least the features of a management application pulling a master registry from a first device and pushing the master registry to a thin client via a thin client network.

Accordingly, new independent Claim 26 is believed to be allowable over the references applied in the Office Action.

The other new claims in the application are dependent from independent Claim 26 discussed above and therefore are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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